



The Christ Church History and Archives committee has been formed to collect, document and preserve the material and social history of the Parish and to encourage participation and involvement of all parishioners.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: A History

The reading of Dickens' the Christmas Carol was done at CC, for five years, in early December, from 2000 to 2004. It was one of hundreds that were arranged by CBC across Canada, over about 15 years and attracted thousands of people each year. The event, conceived by Judy Maddren, a long-term CBC personality, raised awareness of those less fortunate at Xmas. All proceeds went to the charity designated by the local organizing committee.

Christ Church was always quite full. As parishioners arrived for a 3pm start, they were often treated, to carols by the Dayspring choir, which, remembering the cold, they affectionately dubbed the 'thirty below carols'. The greeters and ushers wore black formal attire and obviously enjoyed their roles. There was always a welcome by the Rector of the day, followed by "Hark the Herald Angles Sing.

The two hour long proceedings began with a welcome by the Rector, from 2000-2003 the Rev William Pike and in 2004 the Rev Roy Darcus. The Master of ceremonies, CBC's Jeff Collins for three of the years, made some introductory remarks and subsequently provided continuity during the evening. He was followed by everyone singing 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing.' 'O Come All Ye Faithful' was sung congregationally after the intermission and at the conclusion, it was 'Joy to the World".

The focus of the event was the reading of the Charles' Dicken's shortened version of his classic story about Christmas. The readings, were split up into five parts, and each part was done by a different volunteer, which included CBC personalities, prominent local arts personalities, and our own parishioners. The readers varied from year to year. In 2000 the first reader was Shelagh Rogers. In between the readings, the choir sang about seven hymns.

Afterwards everyone retired to the gym (now the lower hall), to meet the performers and enjoy hot mulled wine and shortbread. It made a most lovely evening and a nice beginning to the Christmas season.

Parishioners are invited to contact John Mendham (jhmendham@telus.net) or other committee members, if they would like a longer historical essay on this subject, or if they have oral or tangible records they would like to donate.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELBOW PARK in conjunction with CBC radio presents.

A dramatic reading with music of

CHARLES DICKENS A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH 2004, AT 3PM.

PROGRAMME

WELCOME - The Reverend Roy D arcus

All: **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing ... (o n hymn sheet)**

INTRODUCTION -Jim Brown> Master of Ceremonies Choir: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Trad. Polish carol arr. Rutter

FIRST READING - Jim Brawn

Choir: What is This Lovely Fragrance?..... Old French Carol arr. Willan

SECOND READING -Elizabeth Craigie

Choir: Sussex Caro l..... English trad. arr. Willcocks

THIRD READING - Katherine Duncan

Choir: I Saw Three Ships English u·ad. arr Rutter

INTERMISSION

All: **O Come, All Ye Faithful, vs. 1-4,..... (on hymn sheer)**

FOURTH READING - Jeff Collins



Choir: Silent Night..... Franz Grieber arr. Sargent

FIFTH READING - Grant Reddick

Choir: We Wish You A Merry Christmas... arr. John Rutter

All: Joy to the World..... (on hymn sheet)

Music Director -Margaret Newman

Accompanist - Gary Tong

You are invited to meet the performers after the programme, in the Lower Hall where refreshments will be served.

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Horne	1913 – 1929	Tatchell	1966 – 1980	Tucker	2005 – 2015
Luxton	1930 – 1933	Curtis	1980 – 1983	Belcher	2015 – 2016
Kemp	1933 – 1944	O'Driscoll	1984 – 1992	Pickett	2016 – Present
Crump	1944 – 1960	Boyles	1992 – 1993		
Dowker	1960 – 1966	Pike	1993 – 2003		